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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR

REF: (A) USBERLIN 1157, (B) BEIRUT 2029

1. I CALLED ON MINISTER OF INTERIOR SALMAN MAY 5 TO MAKE SURE HE UNDERSTOOD NATURE OF MY CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN BOUTROS REGARDING PALESTINIAN DEPORTEES FROM GERMANY AND TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN THAT SOME PEOPLE WERE GIVING ME CREDIT FOR GOL'S ACTION IN PREVENTING ENTRY OF INTERFLUG PALESTINIANS (OUR 2029 AND 2079). HE SAID HE REGRETTED THE LEAK BUT COULD ASSURE ME GOL APPRECIATED MY HAVING ALERTED THEM TO FACT THAT THIS ISSUE WAS COMING UP. HE CLARIFIED POSITION REGARDING PALESTINIANS BY SAYING LEBANESE HAD NOT ENACTED NEW REGULATIONS, THEY WERE SIMPLY ENFORCING THE CONFIDENTIAL

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OLD ONES THAT REQUIRE A PALESTINIAN COMING TO LEBANON EITHER (1) HAVE A VALID LEBANESE I.D. CARD OR LAISSEZ PASSER OR (2) OBTAIN A VISA FROM A LEBANESE EMBASSY AND HAVE HIS PASSPORT ALSO VISAED FOR RETURN TO THE COUNTRY FROM WHICH HE CAME, SO THAT GOL COULD DEPORT HIM IF HE PROVED UNDESIRABLE.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT SORT OF DOCUMENTATION PALESTINIANS

REFERRED TO IN BERLIN'S 1157 HAVE BUT WOULD RECOMMEND THAT GERMANS LOOK VERY CAREFULLY INTO THIS QUESTION. PALESTINIANS IN GREAT NUMBERS ALLEGEDLY TRAVELING ON STOLEN, FORGED OR FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED LEBANESE DOCUMENTS.
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